



BIO-DATA

Name: PETER COOKEY
Date of Birth: 28TH SEPTEMBER 1968
Nationality: NIGERIAN
Civil status: MARRIED

Educational Qualification: HND, Environmental Health, HND, Physiology and Pharmacology; PGD, Environmental Microbiology, MSc. Environmental Management, UNITAR Certificate in Urban Sanitation Governance, Double Degree (MSc) Environmental Engineering & Management (in view)

Professional Data:

Firm	Years with Firm	Positions/Functions
Rivers State Ministry of Health/Chest Clinic	1992-1994	Environmental Health Officer
Rivers State Niger Hospital Chest Clinic-National Leprosy and Tuberculosis Control Programme	1994-1997	Leprosy and Tuberculosis Control Supervisor
Saipem Contracting Nig. Ltd	1997-2000	Industrial Hygienist/Environmental Officer
Rivers State College of Health Science & Technology, Port Harcourt.	1998 – till date	Senior Lecturer
EarthWatch Magazine: <i>The Nation's Foremost Health, Safety and Environment Magazine</i>	2001 – till date	Magazine Publisher/Contributor to the Water and Sanitation Department
EarthWatch on Radio on Raypower 106.5 F/M, Port Harcourt.	2003 - 2005	Presenter/Executive Producer
EarthWatch Conference on Water and Sanitation (<i>the Nigerian Water and Sanitation Forum</i>), www.earthwatchnigeria.org	2002 – Till date	Coordinator
Greater Port Harcourt Development Committee (GPDC). (Rivers State Government of Nigeria Technical Committee Chaired by the Deputy Governor)	2007- till Date	Member: Sub-Committees on Water Resources and Waste Management.
Standard Organization of Nigeria (SON)	2006-2007	Member , National Technical Committee on Environmental Management System (TC-EMS):
EarthWatch Research Institute (EWRI) www.earthwatchinstitute.net	2008-Till Date	President/Founder
Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC), administered by UNOPS, Geneva	2007 – 2011	Steering Committee Member Representing Anglophone African Countries
Rivers State Ministry of Special Duties	2008 –2010	Chair: Technical Committee on Disaster/Emergency Management

Rivers State Ministry of Water Resources and Rural Development	2009 – 2010	Facilitator: Staff Capacity Development Workshop for Repositioning and Effective Service Delivery Chair Technical Committee: Rivers State Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Policy and Legislation Draft.
Water Integrity Network, Berlin, Germany	2010 – Till Date	Advisory Panel Member
Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS)	2011 – Till Date	Member: International Standard Development Committee (ISDC)

Membership Organizations:

- Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council **{WSSCC}**.
- Registered Environmental Health Officers of Nigeria
- Association of Environmental Health Officers of Nigeria **{AEHON}**.
- Nigerian Environmental Society **{NES}**.
- Nigerian Institute of Safety Professionals **{NISP}**
- Nigerian Institute of Science Technology **{NIST}**
- World Toilet Organization **(WTO)**
- Water Integrity Network **(WIN)**
- Sustainable Sanitation Alliance **(SuSanA)**
- Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology **(CAWST)**
- Gender and Water Alliance **(GWA)**
- Global Water Partnership/Nigerian Water Partnership/West African Water Partnership **(GWP/NWP/WAWP)**
- Water and Sanitation Media Network, Nigeria **(WATSAN MEDIA NETWORK)**
- Nigerian Water and Sanitation Network of NGOs **(NEWSAN)**

Peter Cookey has also published several of his papers in local and international journals, and some local newspapers. He has presented several papers at conferences and workshops, locally and internationally.

PETER COOKEY'S ELECTION MANIFESTO INTO WSSCC STEERING COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT MIDDLE, NORTHERN AND WESTERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

It is now common knowledge that the world is racing against time to meet up with the MDG Target Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene. With just four years left to go (2015), there is an urgent need to catch up as quickly as possible and get higher up the ladder. But, it is increasingly looking like Africa will still be left behind, especially sub-Saharan Africa, through the Middle, Northern and Western regions. Although Northern Africa has made significant progress, particularly in the area of sanitation, there is still so much work to be done. With an estimated population of 610 million people spread over 32 countries, it is expedient that more vigorous efforts be put in so that at least by 2015, we would be much closer to the target if not spot on.

This is where WSSCC's work is vital. With strong support, through the National WASH Coalitions, WSSCC can help the Middle, Northern and Western African Countries to expand the WASH coverage to a more significant upgrade. Currently, the WSSCC National WASH Coalitions are operative in only 9 (nine) out of the 32 (thirty-two) countries in the regions; and only 6 (six) out of these are beneficiaries of the GSF. To this end, I humbly present myself as an excellent candidate to represent the interest of the people of Middle, Northern and Western African Countries in the WSSCC Steering Committee. I have gained precious and timely experience in the three years I spent on the Steering Committee serving Anglophone African countries; and with nearly 20 (twenty) years working in the WASH sector (public and private), I have a huge potential to cause positive change using the WSSCC medium.

My focus has always been on increasing the capacity of our people to engage their governments, leaders, businesses and communities toward ensuring improved access to Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). I believe that with the right skills, knowledge and capacities, we can achieve better results at accelerated momentum. Therefore, if elected, I intend to spend my time on the SC pushing for programs, support, networking and such likes that will assist capacity building in key areas. To achieve this, I shall assist those countries that do not yet have WSSCC National WASH Coalitions to meet the WSSCC criteria and encourage Secretariat to work with these countries. I shall also strive to deepen the work of WSSCC in the 9 countries where National WASH Coalitions already exist. Due to my past experience on the SC, if elected, I shall work harder to ensure that WSSCC gets increased funding so that she can have the resources to expand her presence into other countries. Furthermore, I plan to work with National WASH Coalitions to access more funding so that there can be increased visibility for WSSCC through their activities, and in turn, increased donor support. Also, if elected, I shall work to increase GSF allocation to the region like I did when I represented the Anglophone African countries; and assist WSSCC to develop a better National Co-financing Mechanism to enable GSF operating countries get more funds in-country from sources like National Foundations and Businesses that will leverage seed funds from WSSCC. This will enable GSF expand their reach and coverage.

I promise to show the same commitment that I exhibited as the Representative of the Anglophone African countries on the SC if given the opportunity to serve the Middle, Northern and Western regions. During my time as the Anglophone African Representative I was dedicated to the improvement of membership engagement and involvement, which resulted in the new membership strategy, employment of an Officer designated to manage Membership issues, deployment of an interactive website with well-developed Members page, integration of all WSSCC members into their country Coalition and of course the Mumbai Global Members' Forum. I also assisted WSSCC to put in place a Partnership Strategy mechanism that defined how WSSCC is to engage the private sector for support. I was also a member of the of Election Sub-Committee that supervised all election matters and was unanimously nominated by my colleagues at the 18th Steering Committee Meeting (in the absence of the Chair) to be the Acting Chair presiding over the SC meeting at Mumbai where the current Mid-Term Strategic Plan (2012 -2016) was approved; a strategic document that will guide the work of WSSCC in the coming years.

If elected, I shall consolidate on these gains and also pursue my other stated aspirations. I promise to pay attention to the voice of my constituents and always represent their cause. And as a member of the WSSCC Steering Committee, I shall serve the mission of the WSSCC and put in my best because I believe in the objectives of the Council whole heartedly. And as a representative of Middle, Northern and Western African Countries, I shall be committed to ensuring the MDGs on Water Supply and Sanitation are achieved in the region in every way WSSCC can help and support. I promise the WSSCC and all of Middle, Northern and Western Africans that I will work with the same tenacity and focus that I have Always been known for.